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Commemorative Service to honour Edward John Mott VC DCM Sunday 22nd January 2017 Richard Williams

The 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War fell in the summer of 2014. As part of the events organised in remembrance of this catastrophic conflict, the Government decided to issue a commemorative paving stone to be laid in the birthplace of every British recipient of the Victoria Cross in WW1. The Victoria Cross is the country's highest military decoration awarded for 'most conspicuous bravery, ...or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy'. As regular readers of the Chronicle will know, Drayton has its very own VC. Edward John Mott was born here in Church Lane on 4th July 1893. Aged 17, Edward enlisted in the Border Regiment, which happened then to be recruiting in North Berkshire. The regiment was posted to Burma, where Edward was stationed when World War One began.

Edward was awarded not just one, but two medals in WW1. The first, the DCM (Distinguished Conduct Medal), was awarded for conspicuous bravery during the Gallipoli campaign, which included carrying his wounded commanding officer to safety, while under heavy fire. Some 18 months later on the Somme, on 27th January 1917, a surprise British attack was ordered, but the advance was slowed on the left flank by a German machine gunner, until Edward Mott intervened, that is. In the action which won him the Victoria Cross, the citation reads ...'Although severely wounded in the eye, Sergeant Mott made a dash for the gun and after a fierce struggle seized the gunman and took him prisoner capturing the gun. It was due to the dash and initiative of this non-commissioned officer that the left flank attack succeeded'. Years later, Edward told one of his grandsons that his own gun had run out of bullets, and so he attacked the German machine-gunner with the only weapon to hand, which was an entrenching tool. Truly, this was an extraordinarily brave man.

The commemorative services for the VCs are intended to be held as close as possible to the 100th anniversary of the action for which the medal was awarded. The nearest available Sunday was on 22nd January 2017, and arrangements were duly agreed with St. Peter's Church for that day.

The service began with the welcome and opening prayer given by the Right Revd Colin Fletcher OBE, the Bishop of Dorchester. Colonel John Bridgeman CBE TD DL, Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, present as representative of the Queen, gave the opening address. Colonel Bridgeman spoke about the origins of the Victoria Cross and explained why it is such a rarely awarded and highly respected honour. Our County Councillor, Richard Webber delivered the eulogy, the full text of which is available on the village website. Although only a brief account of Edward's military career and subsequent life, it serves as a reminder that ordinary men may be capable of the most remarkable deeds.

Jennifer Sandison, Edward's eldest granddaughter, read a moving poem, called 'The Rainbow', which was written by another soldier at Transloy, in France, where Edward won his VC. This was followed by a 2 minute silence, and then a bugler blew 'Reveille'.

Bishop Colin gave a short talk about the importance of individuals. He explained that he studied history at university in the late 60s, when a rather crude Marxist version of historical events was still very fashionable. The view then was that



**Edward John Mott VC DCM
1893 - 1967**

individuals are not significant; rather they are swept along by overwhelming tides of social change, whose eventual outcome is more or less pre-ordained. The Bishop did not doubt the importance of social forces but he believed that individuals can and do change history. He summed up by saying, that in war and in civilian life alike, 'how we behave, and how we act towards each other, matters'. Edward Mott, for example, almost certainly saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers.

Prayers of Intercession were given by Mr Anthony King, and then Bishop Colin rounded off the service with the closing prayer and blessing.

A reception was held afterwards at the Village Hall, and an exhibition of photographs, newspaper articles and other memorabilia celebrating Edward's life, put together by his grandson Andrew, was displayed in the Small Hall. Edward and his wife had eight children and Edward himself was the son of a second marriage, the earlier spouses of both his parents having died. He therefore had a number of half brothers and sisters. The Mott family tree took up one entire wall of the exhibition! We estimate that nearly 100 members of the direct descendants and extended family of the Motts attended the service. In all, there were 188 people in the church, and there was hardly a spare seat to be had.

By general consent, the church service was superbly conducted and organised, and we received many compliments afterwards from the Mott family and others. There are many people to thank, firstly all of those who directly participated in the service and the special guests who attended. Thanks to all those who acted as stewards, and of course to St. Peter's Church, who agreed to host the event. We were pleased to welcome members of the army, in uniform, and are grateful to Dalton Barracks for supplying the bugler. At the Village Hall, Tamsin Meredith and Matthew Lowy organised the catering, and were assisted by several other parish councillors.

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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the **April** issue:
Editor: **Derek Pooley, 11 Hall's Close (559454)**
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Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

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| May | 17 April 2017 | 28 April 2017 |
| June | 15 May 2017 | 26 May 2017 |
| July | 19 June 2017 | 30 June 2017 |

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NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

Contributions to and advertisements in the Chronicle are most welcome. Please be sure **always to include your name**, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number. Without names we will usually not print an item at all.

However, please also note that the editor has to ensure that each Chronicle fits exactly into an even number of printed pages. The editor therefore reserves the right to place, edit, shorten or even reject contributions as required.

A contribution or advertising request can be sent to us in one of three ways:

1. The best is by **email to editor@draytonchronicle.net**. Your contributions should either be embedded in your email as **plain text** or attached as a **rich-text** or **Microsoft Word** document!

Requests for advertisements should be emailed not to the editor but to **advertising@draytonchronicle.net**. Please note that advertisements eventually need to be in Word format, 9cms wide and, for a single block advert, about 4.5cms high

Please head your email and label any attachments with a name distinctive to you, not just 'Chronicle'. Also, make sure the editor or advertising manager acknowledges your email within 2 or 3 days.

2. If you cannot send your contribution by email, send us a **good quality paper version**, using fairly large, **simple** black typescript, without underlining on white paper, A4 or smaller.

3. Finally, we do accept **hand-written items**. However, in this case **please write the names of people and places in capital letters**. This does save a lot of mistakes.

Paper contributions should be either placed in the Chronicle letter box (outside Vickery's shop on Drayton Green) or posted to Vickery's at 5 The Green, Drayton, Abingdon, OX14 4JA.

After the deadlines listed at the top of this page, only urgent items will be considered for inclusion and then only if emailed or delivered directly to the **Editor's** house by the Wednesday following the deadlines.

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE JAN/FEB LOTTERY

| Prize | Winner | Agent |
|-------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
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| £20 | Mr Eastoe Sutton Wick Lane | Keith Clough |
| £15 | Mr Corderoy Binning Close | Cathy Norris |
| £10 | Madeline & John Mc Minn Steventon Rd | Judy Henman |
| £10 | Mr & Mrs M Inger Church Lane | Susan Brooks |
| £10 | Mr Wilkinson Whitehorns Way | Pat Percival |
| £10 | Mrs Sellers Lockway | Christine Sadler |
| £10 | Mr Shebbeare Sutton Wick Lane | Keith Clough |
| £10 | Karen Busby High Street | Liz Branson |
| £10 | Mrs Mary Alexander | Ali Bone |

Winning tickets, from 1704 sold, were randomly drawn by a computer (similar to the Premium Bond Draw)

CHRONICLE NEWS

The Chronicle team would like to thank Emma Greenland and Therese Webster who have both taken on the role of Agents. There are several vacant areas around the village and with new houses being built and occupied, we need more volunteers to help secure the future of Chronicle deliveries. If you think you could help PLEASE contact Carol on 01235 531923 or e-mail carolannarnold@sky.com.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

We welcome to Drayton Claire and Sam who moved into Whitehorns Way last year and congratulate them on the arrival of their baby son and hope that they are happy living in Drayton.

We also welcome:

Oliver & Helen Ruscombe-King who have moved into Chesnut Drive.

John, Rachel & Oliver Srawley.

Tori Meir.

Sophie Holcombe & Richard Stanway.

All of whom have moved into their new homes in Holly Lane.

Caroline, Mark, Kyle, Niamh, Wyatt & Noah Lloyd.

Lee, Marie, Michael & William Duhig.

Joanne Kramer & Gareth Blinks.

Who have moved into their new homes in Walnut Way.

Tristan Spence & Kim Chapman along with Erin & Alfie.

Who have moved into Abingdon Road.

Finally To Emma, Darren, Kitty & George Greenland who have moved from Abingdon Road to Holly Lane.

Congratulations to:

Christopher and Catherine Boyd on the birth of their son, 7lb 13oz, at 6.30 pm on Friday 10th February. It is fortunate that they live in Wantage because due to the baby's rapid arrival, they only got as far as the Wantage Maternity Unit rather than the J.R. as planned.

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We thank Andrew Mott for the exhibition and for acting as main liaison man for the Mott family. Chris Price supervised the parking arrangements and made the wooden display frame for the commemorative stone. The stone, we should add, will be laid later in the spring when, hopefully, the weather is somewhat warmer. Paul Mayhew-Archer wrote the eulogy which was read by Councillor Webber.

But the biggest thanks by far must go to David Perrow, our Parish Clerk, who organised just about everything concerning the service, pretty much single-handed. In his customary thorough and meticulous way, for many months David has been in touch with the authorities, nagging them for details, and ensuring that the stone was delivered on time. He has dealt with all contacts with the family, and sent out all the invitations to them and the special guests – no easy task considering the numbers involved. He organised transport for members of the family. David's wife, Rosemary, drew up the order of service, and designed the programme. Other members of the Parish Council have attended meetings and made a contribution, but the lion's share of the responsibility, not to mention the stress, has been borne by David! The village is lucky to have such a person working on its behalf.

Finally, the Mott family are rightly proud of their illustrious ancestor. It was fitting that his home village should honour his achievements in an appropriate way. This service was dignified, respectful and moving. It was, I believe, entirely worthy of its subject.

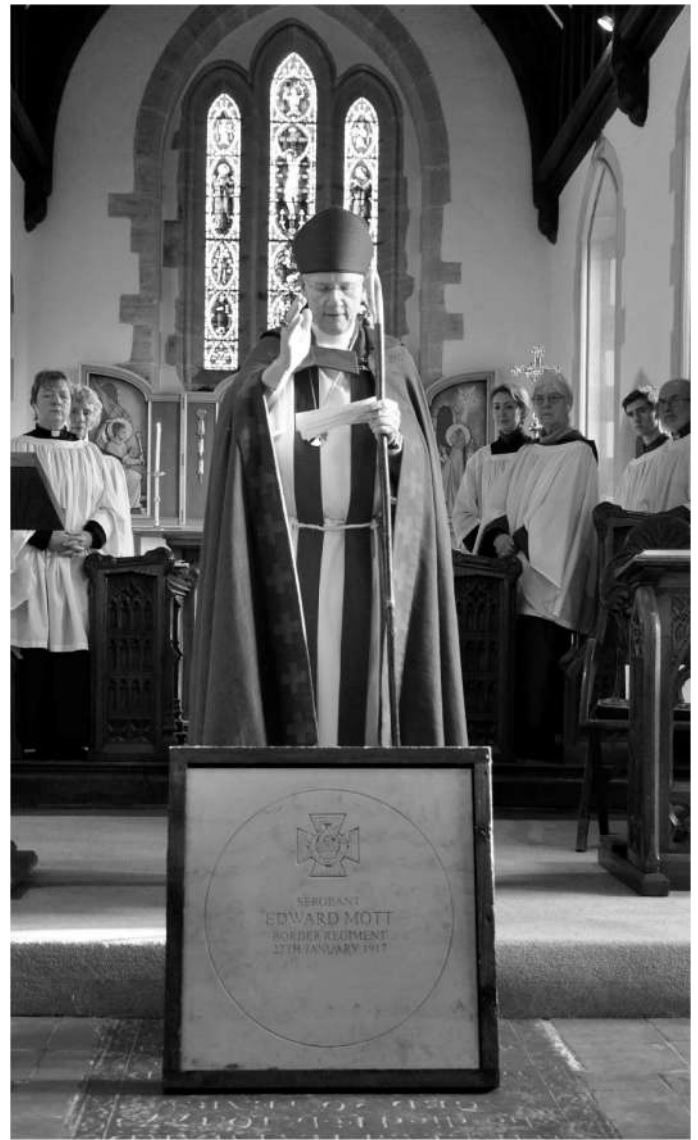
Communities Minister Lord Bourne said of the ceremony:

“Today's paving stone ceremony taking place for Edward Mott is a fitting tribute to his exceptional bravery.

Britain's First World War heroes are just as inspirational now as they were a century ago.

They came from all walks of life but whatever their background each one showed incredible courage in fighting for our liberty.”

*The following pictures were taken at the ceremony,
courtesy of Derek Pooley*



Bishop Colin Fletcher OBE of Dorchester dedicates the VC paving slab



Daughter Edna proudly displays her father's medals VC on the left



Grandson Howard Stone reads from Isaiah

ST PETER'S CHURCH

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Priest in Charge | Vacancy | |
| Associate Priest | Rev'd Rosie Bruce | 07766421773 |
| Churchwardens | Mrs Alison Bone | 202188 |
| | Mrs Linda Johnson | 527521 |
| Organist | Vacancy | |

REGULAR SERVICES

| | | |
|--------|----------|---|
| Sunday | 8.00 am | Holy Communion on 2nd Sunday of month only |
| | 10.00 am | Sung Eucharist (CW), except 3rd Sunday when there is a non-Eucharistic All Age Service. |
| Thurs | 9.15 am | Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel. |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Wednesday | 10.00 am | Pebbles (Term Time only) | Church Room |
| Monday | 7.45 pm | Bell Ringing Practice | Bell Tower |
| Friday | 6.30 pm | Choir Practice (1st Friday) | Church Room |

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

| | | | |
|----------|--------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Wed 1st | 7.30pm | Ash Wednesday Service | Church |
| Tue 7th | 2.30pm | First Tuesday Connection | Church Room |
| Sun 19th | 3.30pm | Messy Church | Drayton School |

YOU STAY - WE PRAY, MARCH

| | |
|--------------|---|
| 1st to 4th | Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green. |
| 5th to 11th | High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Halls Close |
| 12th to 25th | Lockway; Whitehorns Way. |
| 26th to 31st | Corneville Road; Crabtree Lane; Lesparre Close |

ST PETER'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Ash Wednesday on the 1st March is the start of Lent, when traditionally people commit to giving something up, be it chocolate, biscuits, wine etc. However, for some third world people this isn't a choice as they struggle to feed themselves and their families.

This year the church's Lent appeal is to support the work of Traidcraft, who last year raised £63,000 which helped farmers grow a better future for their families.

So if you are giving up something for Lent would you consider putting the money you would have spent towards our Traidcraft appeal. If so there will be collection boxes in the church and in Vickery's shop. Thank you.

The church also supports the Children's Society.

There will be a coffee morning in St Peter's churchroom on 4th March from 10am to 12 noon. If you have a Children's Society collection box, then please bring it along. There will be refreshments, raffle and a sales table. The proceeds will go to the Children's Society and the Traidcraft appeal.

If you are unable to return your collection box at the coffee morning please contact Linda Johnson tel no. 01235 527521.

Progress is being made towards the five parishes of Drayton, Steventon, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Appleford becoming one parish to be known as the Damascus parish.

It is anticipated that all the legal requirements may be met for this to come into force in June, but watch this space!

The Damascus parish will be served by one full time stipendiary, one part time stipendiary and one part time house for duty priest. The vacant positions will be advertised for in March.

Look out for details of the Easter services on the church page in next months Chronicle. May God Bless You.

Val Cross
Deputy Churchwarden

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Church Secretary: Mrs Jayne Henderson.....Tel. 522161

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service frequently with guest speakers.

Please note that there is no longer an 11.15am Service. Family worship can now be enjoyed at Drayton School on the first Sunday of the month, 3.00-4.30pm.
EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton
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Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 2.30 pm to 4:00 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. Our next two dates will be 7th March and 4th April.

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Edward John Mott VC DCM who was born in Drayton, on the 4th July 1893.

Edward's father, John, was born in Sunningwell in 1867. He married a Drayton girl, Jane Harris. They had ten children but sadly Jane died in 1889. According to the 1891 census, the family lived at 20 Church St. (now called Church Lane). In 1892, John married Mrs Lydia Woodley (nee Bradfield) a widow with five children. John and Lydia had three sons; Edward (known to family and friends as Jack), Bert and Frank. Edward attended the local school in High Street before going on to the Council School (now Carswell Community School) in Abingdon. At fourteen Edward left school and worked with his father for Mrs Aldwinkle at Shippon Manor Farm.

On 31st December 1910 at the age of 17 ½ he enlisted in the army at the Border Regiment Depot, Carlisle. After completing his training he was sent abroad to join the 1st Battalion. Meanwhile storm clouds were gathering in Europe. By December 1912 the German leaders accepted that war was inevitable. It was just a matter of when and where. The answer came on 28th June 1914 when Bosnian student Gavrilo Princip shot dead Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand and his wife at Sarajevo. This single act plunged the world into a war involving 30,000,000 men under arms from twenty nations. On the 4th August 1914 Germany violated Belgium's neutrality and as a consequence Britain declared war on the aggressor. The outbreak of war found the battalion in Upper Burma. Having been abroad for eight years, they confidently awaited a home posting. Instead they were placed on a war footing in preparation for active service. In December they sailed for home by way of Aden, Suez and Gibraltar, arriving in England on 10th January 1915. They joined the 87th Brigade and were stationed in billets in Rugby awaiting orders for an overseas posting. On 17th March the 29th Division to which they belonged embarked at Avonmouth for an unknown destination.

In early 1915 Russia appealed to Britain for help. Turkey had closed the Dardanelles, a stretch of water 40 miles long and up to four miles wide, which separates Europe from Asia Minor. British and French battleships and cruisers were sent but after six allied ships were sunk by mines it became obvious that naval action unsupported by military action would not succeed. On 25th April 1915 the British Expeditionary force landed at five points around the southern tip of the Gallipoli peninsular. The 1st Battalion Border Regiment, with Edward, now a corporal, landed at X beach. Here there was no serious opposition at first but soon fierce machine-gun fire swept down from the cliffs. There was a brave charge that pushed the enemy back. The Borderers then dug in. For the next two days the Borderers consolidated their position, losing a few men to sniper fire. On the 28th the brigade was ordered to advance and it was in this action that Edward was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. His award in the

London Gazette, 3rd June 1915 read:

"No. 9887 Sergeant Edward Mott, 1st Bn Border Regiment. On 28th April, 1915, during operations South of Krithia for gallant conduct in leading his company to successive fire positions, and again for conspicuous bravery and good service in attacking over difficult country".

Edward was promoted to Sergeant after his D.C.M award and was sent to a hospital in Manchester to recover from his wounds. Here he was visited by the widow of his Commanding Officer whom he had rescued under heavy fire. She thanked him for his efforts to save her husband, who was mortally wounded. On his recovery Edward went out again to Gallipoli with a draft of recruits and was wounded again in the face. In hospital at Alexandria an operation was necessary for the removal of a bullet. The campaign in Gallipoli, involving 60,000 British, Anzac, French and Indian troops had become a stalemate. Lord Kitchener, secretary of war, visited the peninsula and ordered a complete evacuation. The departures in January 1916 were the best-organised features of the ill-fated campaign. It had lasted just thirty-seven weeks. From Gallipoli the Borderers sailed to Egypt where they undertook rigorous military exercises in preparation

for fighting on the Western front. On the 10th March 1916 they sailed from Alexandria to Marseilles and then proceeded overland to Billets at Gorenflos. The battalion was now part of the Fourth Army, which held a line from Albert to the Somme, and for the remainder of the war it saw almost continuous trench warfare. On 21st January 1917 the Battalion in company with the 1st Royal Enniskillen Fusiliers had orders to attack a section of the enemy position south of Le Transloy, known as Landwehr Trench. An artillery barrage of 96 eighteen pounder guns, with support from 30 Australian howitzers preceded the attack which began at 5:30 a.m. along a 750-yard front. By 7:00 a.m. 117 prisoners had been taken and the first and second objectives had been captured with light casualties. But consolidation on the flank proved difficult because of the frozen ground, enemy shelling and pernicious sniping. It was here that Edward became the Border Regiment's first V C of the war.

"No. 9887 Sjt. Edward John Mott, Border R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative when, in an attack, the company to which he belonged was held up at a strong point by machine gun fire.

Although severely wounded in the eye, Serjeant Mott made a rush for the gun, and after a fierce struggle seized the gunner and took him prisoner, capturing the gun.

It was due to the dash and initiative of this non-commissioned officer that the left flank attack succeeded."

He was presented with his VC by King George V at Buckingham Palace on 4th April 1917.

Trench warfare on the western front dragged on for a further 18 months until the collapse of the Central Powers and the fall of their governments. Peace was declared at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month 1918.

On leave from France on 2nd September 1918, Edward married Evelyn Maud Hopgood who was born at Fareham, Hants. They had eight children.

After he left the army Edward became a commissionaire at Selfridges in London. In 1926 he returned to his native Berkshire and was employed on security duties at 3 M.U. an R.A.F. supply depot. The family home was 15 Duke of York Avenue, in Milton Heights.

The blackest day in Edwards's life occurred on the 21st September 1940 when he was dismissed from his post as a warder at the R.A.F depot. The following extract is from the North Berks Herald dated 4th October 1940.

V.C. DISMISSED AT MILTON. PROTEST TO M.P. EX-SERGEANT'S ALLEGED GRIEVANCE

Major Sir Ralph Glyn, M.P. for North Berks has been approached respecting the dismissal from his post as warder at Milton R.A.F Depot of ex-Segt. Edward John Mott V.C. Mr. Mott told a reporter: "I was ordered to do a special duty at the Depot on 21st September, and it was to stop all personnel, especially officers, and ask for their identification cards. I tried to stop a new officer I had never seen before, but he ignored my signal. He was also smoking which is an offence, and this I pointed out to him. My inspector then relieved me off the gates took me to his office, and the officer told him to tell all warders to salute and 'sir' officers, and turning to me said, "You are suspended from duty." I asked why, but he told me to get out of the office. I told him I had not committed any offence and had only tried to do my duty. On the following Monday I saw the C.O. who suggested to me that I should resign. Nothing had been read out to me, and I had not been charged with anything, and my reply to his suggestion was that I should do nothing of the sort. On the Tuesday I was sent a letter indicating that they had no further use for my services at the Depot. I was suspended on 24th September, had to take leave from 25th September to 1st October, when I finally finished. I have written to the Under-Secretary of the state for Air, Major Sir Ralph Glyn M.P., and the British Legion". Mr Mott added that his dismissal under existing circumstances would mean the forfeiture of his gratuity, and as he has not been charged with any specific offence, he felt that he had a grievance, which should be investigated.

At the end of the forties, the family moved to a house in Heather Road, Milton. Edward was employed by Esso Petroleum at Milton Hill and employed on the ground staff until his retirement in 1958.

One of the proudest events in Edwards's life began on Monday 25th June 1956 when he and his wife attended the Centenary of the Institution of the Victoria Cross in London. The following is an extract from the Milton page of the Deanery of Abingdon Church News:

"VICTORIA CROSS CENTENARY

Milton may be justly proud of having one of the five V.C.'s in Berkshire; all of whom attended the Centenary of the Institution of the Victoria Cross, Mr Mott of Heather Road, together with his wife, went to London for the occasion. The ceremonies, arranged to do honour to winners of the Victoria Cross, began with a very impressive Service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey on Monday, 25th June. The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke to the vast congregation. After the Service the 300 V.C.'s, with their relations, went to Westminster Hall. The Prime Minister was there, and he gave Mrs. Mott his autograph. The V.C.'s and their relatives had tea as guests of the Government in the House of Commons and signed their names. They were made to feel very welcome. On Tuesday morning, the 26th, the V.C.'s assembled at Wellington Barracks and from there drove to Hyde Park to be reviewed by the Queen. The weather was perfect. The Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh, drove in an open landau drawn by four Windsor Greys to the dais where they joined other members of the Royal Family. After the playing of the National Anthem the Queen inspected the ranks, and frequently stopped to talk to individuals. She did Mr. Mott the great honour of stopping and chatting to him. When the Queen had addressed the parade, the V.C.'s marched past and off the ground to the playing of the R.A.F. Central Band. Everyone sitting in the stands stood up and all present joined in hand-clapping. So ended a wonderful and glorious parade. In the afternoon the V.C. holders and their relatives were entertained to a Garden Party at Marlborough House. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Royal were present. The V.C. Centenary Exhibition in the house was open to the guests. On Wednesday the 27th the Corporation of London held a reception from 8 o'clock to 11 at Guildhall. As each V.C. arrived, he and his wife shook hands with the Lord Mayor. On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Mott went to the Lyceum where film stars acted as hostesses and entertained the V.C.'s and their relatives to tea and a Cabaret Show. So ended a truly marvellous week."

On 20th October 1967 Edward John Mott VC. D.C.M died aged 74. His gallantry and campaign medals are now proudly displayed in Cumbria's Museum of Military Life, in Carlisle. With them is the machine gun he captured. The V.C. awarded for gallantry regardless of rank, is intrinsically almost worthless. It is a small bronze cross made from guns captured in the Crimean War and weighs a little over three ounces. It is cast in a rather solid Victorian Style with no pretentious to elegance. Its value is its rarity. The award which King Edward VIII once called, 'the most democratic and at the same time the most exclusive of all orders of chivalry - the most enviable order of the Victoria Cross.

The material for this article was supplied by David and Rosemary Perrow from research carried out by Edward's grandson, Andrew Mott who has written a book called: "Edward John Mott VC DCM". Pictures by Derek Pooley



Alex Mott (great Grandson) with exhibition



188 people were in the church



Soldiers from Dalton Barracks ready to honour Sergeant Mott



Mott family - Jennifer, who wrote the article on page 8 and Andrew who researched Edwards's story, 3rd and 2nd from right



Crowded Reception in the Village Hall

Edward John Mott VC DCM

My grandad, by Jennifer Sandison

I am still not sure which bird has a song which sounds like 'a little bit of bread and no cheese' (Yellowhammer?). This was one of the many items of country lore that my grandfather attempted to teach me. 'Cuckoo comes in April'; 'Mackerel sky' are just two of the many others I still remember. Grandad and I would tramp the quiet lanes and roads around Milton, which were always, it seemed, basking in the warm sun of summer. Hedgerows were bosky, (*Editor's note, covered with trees or bushes*), with white hawthorn, pink dog rose, and sweet-scented honeysuckle, alive with buzzing insects, and endless fascination for a curious young mind.

As the first grandchild, I enjoyed grandad's undivided attention, I followed on fat little legs while he worked on his allotments, in his garden, fed his chickens or polished his shiny boots. There was routine and order, there were always three different types of vegetable on your dinner plate, grown and prepared by grandad. There was always 'pay parade' on a Friday when the children had to march smartly in, salute, say their name and be rewarded with a shiny threepenny piece as their 'pay'.

Grandad had a bike, with a small child seat on the back. In his own words the bike had two speeds "Dead slow and stop!" In summer, grandad could be seen cycling round the village with a carrier bag full of runner-beans on the handlebars, sharing the generous harvest of his garden with his friends. I loved that bike, together we would set off from Heather Road to explore further to such places as Drayton or Steventon, the destination always being a pub. I would sit outside wrestling with the impossible choice between cherry pop or a bag of crisps, grandad would be inside enjoying a glass of best bitter.

A visit to the pub was part of grandad's evening ritual, he always seemed to have friends at whatever hostelry he decided to favour. When he moved to Witney he generally preferred The Three Pigeons, one of his friends there being the actor, Bob Arnold who played Tom Forest in the popular 'Archers' radio programme.

Television did not hold a great deal of interest for grandad, he did sometimes watch 'Dixon of Dock Green' (I always thought the star, Jack Warner looked a lot like grandad). There were some broadcasts he would never miss! The British Legion Festival of Remembrance from the Albert Hall being one. The Trooping of the Colour from Horse Guards Parade was a firm favourite, grandad could explain all the finer points of the uniforms and knew the names of all the marches, he could be very critical of any errors in marching or keeping time.

The Queen's Speech on Christmas Day was also essential viewing, the family had to ensure that lunch was finished in time to gather around the television to watch Her Majesty! The only church service grandad attended regularly was the Remembrance Service on 11th November. He stood ramrod straight, wearing his medals. At the end of the service the medals were wrapped in a large handkerchief and put back in his pocket for another year.

I had always been aware that grandad had been in the 1st Border Regiment, based in Carlisle and that he had won the Victoria Cross and the Distinguished Conduct Medal. However, I never knew him to talk about the First World War; except to express his disdain for Winston Churchill for bringing his regiment from Bombay in 1915 to be part of the Expeditionary force to invade Gallipoli. Provisions and equipment as grandad described them being completely inadequate; he told me they made stew with their socks but I am sure that was just his ironic way of describing the privations the men suffered. The only other battle story that grandad mentioned to me was about Flanders and that was to explain why the poppy was chosen as a symbol and a way to raise funds for the injured.

The time that grandad spent in the far-east had a lasting effect on him. The Shwedagon is the most famous landmark in Rangoon, he told me about this golden temple, about the exotic plant life and animals. Kipling's stories about India were also a

favourite that he must have come across at this time. Another life-long effect was malaria; once or twice a year, grandad would take to his bed, sweating and shivering with a very high temperature, suffering a recurrence of this fever picked up in those far-off jungles.

Grandad was always very hale and hearty, he never seemed to suffer the coughs and colds that the rest of us caught regularly. When he seemed less energetic, less keen to clear his plate at dinner time an appointment was made with the G.P. A referral was made to the Specialist at the John Radcliffe Hospital and I took him in to the appointment. The chilling diagnosis was cancer of the colon. Grandad was an in-patient for a few days before returning home.

A stoic and un-complaining patient, grandad made the best of things – still went to the pub if you would give him a lift, still kept to his routines for as long as he could. Grandad's death in October 1967, left "Mottie", grandad's affectionate name for his wife and a large family of children and grandchildren. At his direction, only men attended the funeral. Nearly fifty years after his death, I often reflect, with grateful thanks, on the many positive influences this remarkable man has had on my own life and career.



Edward shown on the right with colleagues Fred Greaves, centre, and George McIntosh outside Buckingham Palace on 2nd June 1953 to watch Queen Elizabeth's coronation procession.

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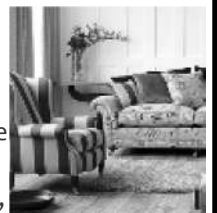
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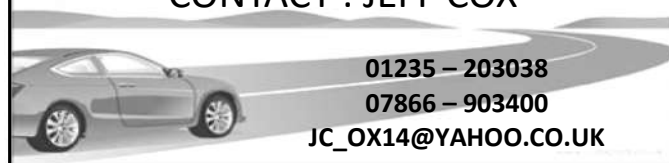
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SCHOOL REPORT

Marc Knight

Term 2 ended with some stunning Christmas performances. In fact, such was the demand for tickets that we put on seven performances compared to the usual four.

This term our classes are looking at the theme of 'game changers', significant individuals who have made a telling contribution in their chosen field. For example, children in early years are looking at famous astronauts and inventors, while children in Key Stage 2 are learning about Mary Anning, Sir David Attenborough and Brunel.

Last week our Year 3, 4 and 5 children visited the natural history museum in London. Despite a long journey into town we enjoyed a fantastic day, when, as ever, the children's behaviour was excellent. Meanwhile, children in Year 6 visited a very chilly Didcot railway centre to learn all about the industrial revolution. While all this was going on, children in early years were celebrating Chinese new year with art, music and delicious food.

It'll soon be February half term and then before we know it it will be Easter. Before this, we'll be running our parent's evenings and then the very special occasion when we mark Mother's day by inviting mums into school to eat lunch with their child(ren).

We are fortunate enough to have set up an excellent link with a school in Mubende, Uganda. Our KS2 children have already exchanged letters with their counterparts. As part of the world book day celebrations children will come to school dressed as a famous book character, donating £1 for the privilege. We have decided that all donations will be passed to our friends at the school in Uganda. They will hopefully be able to replenish and update their limited collection of children's books.

WANTED - VOLUNTEER READERS

We are hoping to recruit some volunteer readers. We are looking for people who can give us about an hour or so of their time each week to read on a 1:1 basis with children in various year groups (our children are aged 4-11).

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children therefore interested parties would be required to undertake an enhanced criminal record check.

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TABLE TENNIS CLUB

John Gould

As reported in the last edition, the Club Bidmead team progressed into the quarter finals. Well, following a favourable draw they have now reached the Semi-Final stage that will be played in March.

In the team 'Cup' competition, the first round ties have been played and with wins for the A,B & C teams it's been a good start. The E & F teams are yet to play but the G team lost their first tie. They will need to win the next two to progress. However, they continue to stride away at the top of Division 4 – the latest being a demolition 10-0 win over Marlborough F who at the time were third in the division!

The B team had a bit of a crisis with injuries and other commitments causing a player shortage, but that's been eased with Rob Hudson signing on the dotted line to help them through the second half of the season. Their other problem was the team captain mislaying his track suit bottoms – not ideal in a cold winter! He's sure they're in the school somewhere!

The club is now running at full capacity, essentially due to the space available to us. The school hall has room for four tables that has historically been enough but at the moment Monday's are always very crowded. So much so we've had to close entry to new members. The Didcot League area clubs are well spread and not all are 'open' to outsiders and have coaches to help beginners so the problem is not restricted to Drayton. Currently it seems a lot of adults and juniors want to start playing and there is a definite need for more new clubs to spring up.

HALL REPORT

Tony Holmes

The Mott VC celebration in January was very well attended, but sadly we've heard that a couple of people lost a Digital Camera, and a Ring with many treasured memories. They could have been lost in a variety of locations, but if any Hall users have found such an item, please let me know (contact as Hall diary, back page).

Now, nearly time to start thinking about summer holidays, if you need to get in shape, we've a number of classes, 'BounceFit' (Monday evenings), 'Clubercise' (Tues evenings), Zumba (Sunday evenings – with a spot of high-intensity training too if you like!), plus a couple of more restrained ways to help you limber up, **Seniors (Gentle!) Yoga** (ease those aches & pains on Mondays at 11am, Helen Pull:- 07712 646382), and just started is **PILATES**, (Tuesday mornings), run by the Philippa Aldridge fitness group. They plan to be running two mixed ability Pilates classes and one Chair-based Pilates session (so no getting on the floor with that one!); to book or for info, it's 07702 727971.

We've also got a new **Martial Arts** instructor, after several trial nights I think he's now settled on Thursday evenings; it's called **Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu**, for info see www.shikidojo.com or you can email Paul at shikidojo@outlook.com. He's much travelled, and has trained under one of the greatest exponents, so you'll be in good hands!

The Hall has just had an 'energy audit', and though we have far fewer draughts since the new windows & fire doors were done a year or so ago, I daresay they'll be able to suggest a few more improvements – more next time.

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DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

The talk at our meeting in January was given by one of our members, Rosemary Barlow. Her talk was fascinating and unique and held our attention the whole time. For the first part of her life Rosemary lived in the theatrical environment of Brighton where her father managed the Grand Theatre.

It was a wonderful time; the era before television. Rosemary as a little girl spent much time with her father meeting many famous actors and comedians, all of them household names, whose humour was such fun. To name but a of the famous names with whom she came in contact were Tony Hancock, Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe, Ken Dodd, Vic Oliver, Petula Clark, Vera Lyn and even Bruce Forsyth. There were many more famous names.

Rosemary brought old programmes of bygone years, showing all the stars of the shows but the best star of our show was Rosemary herself who so ably shared her experiences of theatre land with us.

The speaker at our March meeting will be Alan Copeland whose talk is called "Curiosities of the Cotswolds".

W.I.

Ann Webb

Our February meeting was very informative rather than entertaining. We had a speaker, Mr Paul Jackson, who spoke to us on the complicated issue of Wills and Powers of attorney. As I said, it was very informative but very factually mind blowing. I have decided it will be less complicated not to shed this mortal coil. There are several different ways to attain a power of attorney and several ways to plan your demise.

How he remembered all that information is beyond belief. It was quite nice to reach the cup of tea stage. Saying that, please don't be put off doing this deed. It is increasingly more important as you get older, to have your affairs in order while you are able to understand and put things where you want them ready for the fateful day when they are needed. On a lighter note, next month is our Annual Meeting when we decide who will do what for the next twelve months, followed by a tasting session of members' favourite homemade Puds.

We meet every second Thursday in the Day Centre, Gravel Lane, at 7.30pm. Why not join us.

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Our next planned clear up morning is Sunday 12th March at 10.00, please come along, it's amazing what we can get done when we have help. Throughout the year there will be regular grass cutting and some pond maintenance. Clear up mornings will continue and we hope to have a bonfire in March and later in the year. At least one new bench will be bought and installed once the weather is a little better and the Parish Council are looking to improve the paths leading to the Green. We are also in the very early planning stage of organising another picnic, so watch this space!

If anyone would like any further details of how you can help in whatever small way, please contact me.

Jane Mcwhirter, Chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com

STONEHILL COMMUNITY GARDEN

The survey collecting residents' views for the neighbourhood plan found that 200 people were interested in being involved in smallholding; that is more than allotment gardening. No larger scale growing opportunities are being provided through the NDP but the community garden at Stonehill (within Drayton parish) has been going for over a year. The vegetable garden was recovered from a nettle patch by a pair of rare breed pigs and is now heavily fortified against an invasion of rabbits. The growing space is shared with three laying hens rescued from cages. The work is in progress in making the Garden (and its toilet facilities) fully accessible (for wheelchairs) which involves building paths and constructing raised beds from recycled pallets. The garden is open to volunteer workers on Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm with refreshments served from a cob oven and rocket stove. Through the summer there will be courses on grafting, permaculture, garden design, forest gardening, timber frame, cob, wattle and daub and strawbale building, composting and wormeries. Details at www.stonehillgardens.co.uk or contact Rachel the Coordinator on 07970780514.

Daniel Scharf

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- Submitting your comments by post or email using our comments form.

Consultation materials will be available from the consultation start date, Thursday 9th March 2017, until Thursday 4th May and they will be accessible on our website and paper copies of the plan and comment forms will be available at all Vale libraries and our council office. We will be contacting everyone on our consultation database to invite them to take part in the consultation and to inform them of local events. Please use the contact details below if you would like to join our consultation database.

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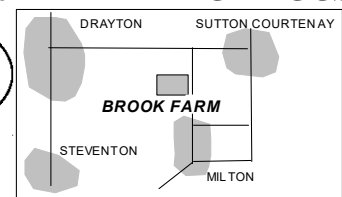


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Ed Vaizey

Over the last few weeks I held two public meetings to discuss Brexit, the first in Wantage, the second in Didcot, attended by about 250 people in total. Both meetings produced a lively discussion, with representatives on both sides of the debate airing their opinions. The feedback I had helped me consider my position in the run up to Article 50 being triggered, and will continue to inform my views as the Government begins its negotiations on leaving the European Union.



Last month I also hosted a cross-party debate in Parliament on funding for NHS fertility services, which are woefully underfunded in Oxfordshire. Following the debate, the Minister, Nicola Blackwood, said she would tell NHS England that the Government expects all clinical commissioning groups to provide the recommended three cycles of treatment.

While we are on the subject of the NHS, I met with the CEO of Oxfordshire CCG, David Smith, to seek clarity on the priorities of the Oxfordshire Healthcare Transformation Consultation and its implications for residents across my constituency. The first phase of the consultation opened this month, and is due to conclude in April, you can take part here:

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I also raised the issue of capital funding for the expansion of GP's surgeries in both Wantage and Faringdon, and will lobby the Department of Health and the NHS during the next round of bidding.

There is good progress being made on improving rail services through the constituency. I organised a meeting for a group of MPs, council officers and Local Enterprise Partnerships from Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Swindon, to discuss the opening of a new rail link from Swindon to Oxford, which would help the case to re-open Grove station. It is still early days, but there is desire from all parties involved to make progress.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I understand very well why Paul Mayhew Archer (Letter February Chronicle) sees contradictions and inconsistencies in the application of the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan. However, I think that readers of the Chronicle who want to make sense of this should be provided with the policy context.

There could have been, but there actually is no NDP policy that says that development should be limited to the 3 allocated sites. On the contrary, the most relevant policy is PLANNING POLICY P-LF2: BOUNDED DEVELOPMENT which says, "Housing development that does not extend the village's boundaries through ribbon development along roads to the adjacent settlements of Abingdon, Steventon, Sutton Courtenay and Milton, will be supported."

In the light of this policy there could and should be puzzlement at the support of the neighbourhood planners/parish council for the Walnut Meadow development extending the village so that it can now be seen from Preston Road, but there should be little or no surprise at the planning permissions granted at Halls Close and Eastway.

Unfortunately the planners have also failed to apply PLANNING POLICY P-T1: TRAVEL PLANS that says, "Development proposals which give rise to an increase in traffic will be required to put in place detailed Travel Plans. Developers are required to provide robust evidence that each and every proposal, as set out in their Travel Plan, is feasible and will significantly reduce traffic volume. Direct mitigation measures such as car sharing and car pooling will be positively encouraged." Despite the desperate need to prevent any increase in congestion on the local roads, recognised by the VWHDC and the Local Plan inspector, no effective measures have been put in place to reduce traffic from the developments on the allocated sites. It remains to be seen whether the planners will ensure that development allocated at Manor Farm will comply with the NDP policies in respect of either traffic reduction or the preservation of the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Daniel Scharf

Dear Editor,

Drayton 2020 response to Daniel's letter

Daniel appears to be referring to an earlier version of the Neighbourhood Plan. In December 2014, our Independent Examiner recommended some minor changes to the Plan, which included the addition of a further ten words to Planning Policy P-LF2 Bounded Development. Those ten words '...subject to compliance with other policies in the Neighbourhood Plan' were in fact added to the end of that policy in the final (Referendum) version of the Plan.

They represent the Examiner's understanding that P-LF2 was supposed to be read in conjunction with other policies in the Plan, but in particular P-H1 **Scale of Development and Site Allocation** (there is a clue in that title!), which specifically limits development to three named allocated sites (Walnut Meadow, Manor Farm, South of High St). The Examiner also recommended inclusion of a map to show that 'village boundaries' meant not the parish boundaries but the actual 'already built' area of the village. This map is Fig 4 in the Plan.

In Drayton 2020's view there would have been no point allocating specific sites if the intention were to allow development on any other site as well. The whole purpose of allocation is to make a choice, and 14 sites in total were looked at and assessed in the Sustainability Appraisal. The three eventually allocated in P-H1 scored well on the criteria identified in workshops by residents, and were deemed the best options for development at the present time.

You may ask, wouldn't it have been easier to couch Policy P-LF2 in negative terms, stating that development is prohibited except on the allocated sites? The answer is yes, it would, but we were advised by the Vale that this was unacceptable and all

policies must now be framed in positive terms. This is a requirement of the NPPF (the National Planning Policy Framework). In one or two cases, we were also advised to condense several separate policies into one. The sometimes convoluted wording this produced has caused ambiguities which need to be resolved, but Government guidance offered no mechanism for making even the most minor amendments or clarifications to a Plan without going back to the drawing board and starting all over again. Hopefully matters of Plan revision and review are now being addressed in new legislation currently going through Parliament.

On the traffic issue, the developers at Manor Farm have produced a Travel Plan. It is obvious that increasing the number of houses in Drayton will not result in an overall reduction in the number of cars on our roads. All a Travel Plan can reasonably do is provide or identify alternatives that if used, would make the overall increase less than it otherwise would have been, and this is the common sense reading of the policy.

Richard Williams

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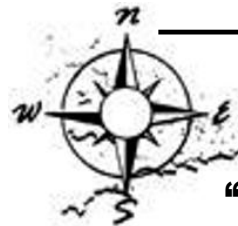
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| | | 6.30pm | Private Function |
| Sun | 5th | 1.00pm | Private Function (Child's birthday) |
| Mon | 6th | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting Caudwell DC |
| Sat | 11th | 7.00pm | Private Function |
| Sun | 12th | 10.00am | Clear-Up morning! Millennium Green |
| | | 1.30pm | Private Function (Child's birthday) |
| Mon | 13th | 7.00pm | Parish Council Committee |
| Sat | 18th | 1.00pm | Private Function (Child's birthday) |
| | | 6.00pm | Private Function |
| Sun | 19th | 9.00am | Bowls Club |
| Mon | 20th | 5.00pm | Chronicle Deadline – Ads 17th |
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| Sat | 25th | | Sequence Dance Club Function |

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MONDAYS

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| 8.45 am | Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) | School Ground Bldg |
| 11.00 am | Seniors 'Gentle' Yoga (07712 646382) | |
| 1.15 pm | Baby sign-language classes (1 hr – 07927 339102) | |
| 2.00 pm | Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours) | |
| 6.00 pm | 'Bounce Fit' (1hr - Sophie 07791 778388) | |
| 7.15 pm | Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday) | Caudwell DC |
| 7.00 pm | Table Tennis (Coaching, one hour) | School |
| 7.30 pm | Badminton (Private Group) | |
| 7.45 pm | Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours) | St Peter's |
| 8.00 pm | Table Tennis (Social Play, one hour) | School |

TUESDAYS

| | | |
|---------|---|---------------------|
| 8.45 am | Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) | School Ground Bldg |
| 1.45 pm | Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm) | Caudwell Day Centre |
| 2.30 pm | First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday) | Church Room |
| 5.45 pm | Zumba Fitness (Kelly) | |
| 7.00 pm | League Table Tennis (3 hours) | School |
| 8.00 pm | 'Clubbercise' (Hannah – 07811 209242) | |

WEDNESDAYS

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|----------|--|---------------------|
| 8.45 am | Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) | School Ground Bldg |
| 10.00 am | Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp) | Church Room |
| 2.00 pm | Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month) | |
| 2.15 pm | Badminton | |
| 6.00 pm | Brownies | |
| 7.00 pm | League Table Tennis (3 hours) | School |
| 7.00 pm | Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours) | |
| 7.30 pm | Bingo Session | Caudwell Day Centre |

THURSDAYS

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|---------|---|------------------------|
| 8.45 am | Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) | School Ground Bldg |
| 9.00 am | Foot Clinic (1st Thurs) | Caudwell Day Centre |
| 9.15 am | Holy Communion | St Peter's Lady Chapel |
| 9.30 am | Parent & Toddler Group (NB Term-time ONLY) | |
| 2.00 pm | Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours) | |
| 2.00 pm | Wives' Whist (Mthly – 2nd Thurs) | Caudwell DC |
| 5.00 pm | Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 years, call Mary 832077) | |
| 7.00 pm | League Table Tennis (3 hours) | School |
| 7.30 pm | Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs) | Caudwell DC |
| 7.30 pm | Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701) | |

FRIDAYS

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| 8.45 am | Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) | Sch'l Ground Bldg |
| 11.00 am | The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466 | Caudwell Day Centre |
| 7.00 pm | Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends) | Caudwell Day Centre |

SUNDAYS

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (only 2nd Sunday) | St Peter's |
| 10.00 am | Sung Eucharist (Family Service 3rd Sunday) | St Peter's |
| 3.00 pm | Baptist 'Family Time' (1st Sun) | Drayton School |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Service | Baptist Church |
| 7.00 pm | Zumba Fitness (Gemma) | |

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